

Remarks

STATUS OF CLAIMS

Claims 1-18 are currently pending in the present application.

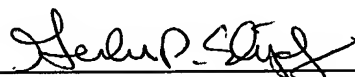
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In the current Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-18 under the judicially-created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 7-8 and 16-20 of U.S. Patent No. 6,731,038.

A Terminal Disclaimer and the required accompanying fee of \$55.00 is submitted herewith and is believed to be effective to overcome the rejection. The inventors and owners of the subject matter claimed in the present application are the inventors and owners of the subject matter claimed in the identified patent. In the event of any questions, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned.

Please note that the address indicated below should be used for all future correspondence in the present case, as per the Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney filed on March 25, 2004.

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